



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented): A computer system, comprising:
 - a base;
 - a display enclosure pivotably secured to the base;
 - a positioning assembly that produces a force to prevent the display enclosure from pivoting relative to the base when disposed in a first position and reduces the force to enable the display enclosure to pivot relative to the base when disposed in a second position; and
 - a switch coupled to the positioning assembly, the switch having a first state which causes the positioning assembly to be in the first position and a second state which causes the positioning assembly to be in the second position.

2. (Currently Amended): The A computer system as recited in claim 1,
comprising:
 - a base;
 - a display enclosure pivotably secured to the base;
 - a positioning assembly that produces a force to prevent the display
enclosure from pivoting relative to the base when disposed in a
first position and reduces the force to enable the display
enclosure to pivot relative to the base when disposed in a
second position, wherein the force is generated by friction; and
 - a switch coupled to the positioning assembly, the switch having a first
state which causes the positioning assembly to be in the first
position and a second state which causes the positioning
assembly to be in the second position.

3. (Currently Amended): The system as recited in claim 2 claim 1,
wherein the positioning assembly comprises a first member secured to the display

enclosure, a second member secured to the base, and a force producer to drive the first and second members into contact.

4. (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 3, wherein the switch prevents the force producer from driving the first and second members into contact when in the second state.

5. (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the switch comprises an operator to enable a user to change the state of the switch.

6. (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 5, wherein the operator is disposed on the display enclosure.

7. (Previously Presented): The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the switch is an electrical switch.

8. (Currently Amended): ~~The-A computer system as recited in claim 1, comprising:~~

a base;

a display enclosure pivotably secured to the base;

a positioning assembly that produces a force to prevent the display

enclosure from pivoting relative to the base when disposed in a
first position and reduces the force to enable the display
enclosure to pivot relative to the base when disposed in a
second position; and

a switch coupled to the positioning assembly, the switch having a first
state which causes the positioning assembly to be in the first
position and a second state which causes the positioning
assembly to be in the second position, wherein the switch is a
mechanical switch.

9. (Original): The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the base comprises a processor.

10. (Currently Amended): A clutch assembly for pivotably securing a computer display to a computer base, comprising:

- a hinge adapted to enable the computer display to pivot relative to the computer base unit; and
- a friction clutch coupled to the hinge, the friction clutch producing a force to oppose pivotal motion of the display; and
- a clutch operator selectively switchable to produce a counter-force to the force produced by the friction clutch to prevent the friction clutch from opposing pivotal motion of the display, wherein the clutch operator is electrically operated.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented): The clutch assembly as recited in claim 11, further comprising a manually operable switch operable to control electrical power to the clutch operator .

13. (Previously Presented): The clutch assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein the switch is biased so as to not supply electrical power to the third portion.

14. (Previously Presented): The clutch assembly as recited in claim 10, wherein the clutch operator is mechanically operated.

15. (Previously Presented): The clutch assembly as recited in claim 14, further comprising a movable member manually operable to mechanically operate the clutch operator.

16. (Previously Presented): The clutch assembly as recited in claim 15, wherein the movable member is biased so that the clutch operator does not prevent the friction clutch from opposing pivotal motion of the display.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled)